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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Board Staff
RE: **SENSE OF THE BOARD ON LIKELY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2003**

Background and Summary

In December 2002, the State Board of Health revised Policy 2001-001. The policy creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. One change allowed for the creation of a "Sense of the Board" that could inform staff and individual Board members as issues came up during legislative session. At that meeting, the Board also discussed a list of issues related to the Board's statutory authority and its priority work areas that are likely to emerge during the 2003 legislative session (attached).

Working from the list, from published Board documents, and from discussions with other staff and Board members, I have prepared and attached a draft of a document that the Board might use as a starting point to develop and adopt a Sense of the Board statement.

Recommended Board Action

The Board may choose to discuss, modify, and adopt the Sense of the Board statement.

Attachments